

"The American people must anticipate greater and greater demands upon their Red Cross," he said. "For not only must we continue the services we are now giving troops throughout the world, and their dependents at home, but we will be expected to assume an increasing burden necessitated by the return of wounded and disabled servicemen to civilian life.

"Red Cross has agreed," he continued "to assist returning servicemen in their adjustment period. We have agreed to provide temporary financial aid to servicemen discharged with disabilities, when that aid is needed, during the period pending decision on claims for government benefits.

"In the coming year we must increase the supply of blood for plasma so necessary in saving the lives of wounded men. We must also meet the demands of the military for surgical dressings, and expand our war nurse recruitment program.

"As the war continues, greater and greater numbers of prisoner-of-war food parcels must be packed and shipped by the Red Cross for those Americans who are taken prisoner by the enemy.

"These are but a few of the urgent demands upon the American Red Cross. Its responsibilities are the responsibilities of all the people. We are confident the fund will be oversubscribed so that the Red Cross can be kept at the side of our servicemen."

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